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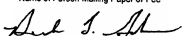
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The following documents are cited in the specification of the application in the order that they appear therein:

- (1) Sekita et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,498,687 B1, issued December 24, 2002;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2000-137164 (NIKON CORP), published May 16, 2000;
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 08-248318 (SONY CORP), published September 27, 1996;
- (4) Nakamura et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,104,432, issued August 15, 2000;
- (5) Mihara et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/0136150 A1, published September 26, 2002; and
- (6) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 11-258678 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published September 24, 1999.


Applicant also wishes to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (7) Uzawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,448,319, issued September 5, 1995;
- (8) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 11-196303 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published July 21, 1999;
- (9) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2000-131610 (SONY CORP), published May 12, 2000; and

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	(4)	6,104,432		Nakamura et al.	08/15/00	348	360	
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